

I want to write about the Resurrection of Christ and how important it was that Jesus rose from the dead. In passage before us We will see why it was needful for Jesus to rise from the dead and not to stay in the grave.

#### 1Cor 15 (NKJV)

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<sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen.

<sup>14</sup> And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty.

<sup>15</sup> Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up--if in fact the dead do not rise.

<sup>16</sup> For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen.

<sup>17</sup> And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!

We are told if Jesus did not rise:

1) we will not rise

2) There is no point in preaching

3) There no point in believing

4 ) The Apostles are false witness for Preaching he did

5) your faith is worthless because you are still in your sins

Something needs to be understood , The resurrection is the assurance that God the Father accepted the atonement on the cross. Without the resurrection the death of Christ on the cross would be meaningless.

If we go to Romans 1 we find the resurrection declare to the world who Jesus was .

“and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.”

— Rom 1:4 (NKJV)

There are prophecies which tells us of a resurrection of Jesus in the Old Testament . So it was needful for prophecy to be fulfilled.

#### Ps 16 (NKJV)

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<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup> For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

#### Isa 53 (NKJV)

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<sup>8</sup> He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.

<sup>9</sup> And they made His grave with the wicked-- But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth.

<sup>10</sup> Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.

Notice what Isaiah states after he dies he is said to see his seed and his days will be prolonged.

The resurrection of Christ was also seen in the shallows and types for example Abraham believed that if he would slay his son that he would rise from the dead.

Look at what he said to his servants  
Before taking his son for sacrifice.

Gen 22 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off.

<sup>5</sup> And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.

This the writer in Hebrews recognizes when he states

Heb 11 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

<sup>18</sup> of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called,"

<sup>19</sup> concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

Jesus also spoke about his resurrection time and time again

"From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day."

— Mat 16:21 (NKJV)

John 2 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

<sup>20</sup> Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

<sup>21</sup> But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

Jesus did not rise as a spirit for he said

Luk 24 (NKJV)

<sup>37</sup> But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit.

<sup>38</sup> And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts?  
<sup>39</sup> Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."  
<sup>40</sup> When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.  
<sup>41</sup> But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?"  
<sup>42</sup> So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb.  
<sup>43</sup> And He took it and ate in their presence.

It is good to notice this body of Jesus and what he could do after the resurrection for we are promise to have such a body.

"who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself."  
— Phil 3:21 (NKJV)

In our baptism we see the resurrection

Rom 6 (NKJV)  
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<sup>3</sup> Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?  
<sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.  
<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,

We go in the water as a sign of our death with Christ and we are raised out of the water as a sign we are rose with him.

In a next study we will look at the evidence for the resurrection.